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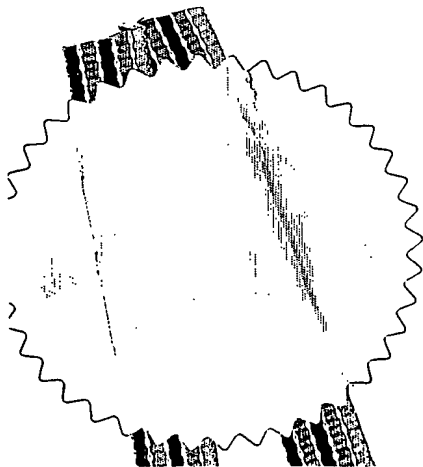
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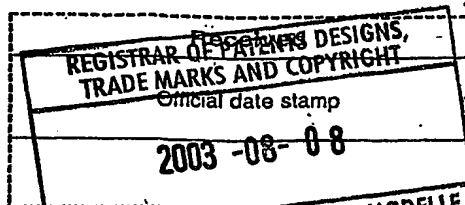
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to the production of moulded articles and the apparatus such as injection moulding, compression moulding for producing moulded articles such as closures.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Different techniques are in commercial use and by means of which articles such as closures and preformed bottles are manufactured using synthetic plastic materials.

Injection moulding is the most commonly used this method comprise two mould parts pressed into a shutoff position, molten synthetic plastic material is forced through a small hole to take up the shape of the space between the two mould parts.

Compression moulding comprises a rotating carousel on which female moulds are mounted, whilst the carousel is rotating a pellet of molten synthetic plastic material is displaced from a extruding device into the female mould, a male mould comprising shutoff means is pressed onto the female mould and the core eventually shapes the article. This technique is used for the production of closures where high production volumes are required. There are certain limitations insofar moulding specific articles such as closures with undercut e.g. scoring line, slits, gaps and holes in the article.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

According to one aspect of the present invention there is provided a mould comprising a female mould which include at least one plunger which reciprocate inside the bore of the said female mould, means for displacing mouldable material into said female mould, a male core pressed onto the female mould, said plunger being forced forward with mechanical means, urging the said mouldable material to take up shape of the defined space between the mould parts.



Said moulding technique, comprise the means to first shutoff mould sets, which include protrusions inside the defined space to make undercuts e.g. slits, gaps or holes in articles such as closures.

In our South African patent application filed 30 July 2003 we disclosed a mould and method of moulding comprising a female mould which reciprocate on at least one shaft which can be attached at one end, means for displacing mouldable material into said female mould, a male mould forced onto the female mould, urging the said material to take up shape of the space between the two mould parts.

The disclosure of the specifications of the South African patent application filed 30 July 2003 is hereby incorporated into the disclosure of the present specification.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a better understanding of the present invention, and to show how the same may be carried into effect, reference will now be made, by way of example, to the accompanying drawings in which:-

Figure 1 is an isometric view of an open male and female mould.

Figure 2 is a front view of a male and female mould, the female mould comprise a reciprocating plunger.

Figure 3 is a front view of a male and female mould closed.

Figure 4 is a front view of a male and female mould closed showing the moulded product.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the recess 13 of the female mould 12 and the cavity 14 where the core 10.1 of the male mould 10 engages.

Figure 2 is the said male mould 10 and female mould 12 open, which receives mouldable material 11. The female mould 12 is attached at the end 20 onto a

moulding device not shown. The female mould 12 comprises a bore 21 which guide a reciprocating plunger 17 during the moulding process.

Figure 3 is the male mould 10 and the female mould 12 closed. The male mould 10 comprises a treaded core 10.1 which fits into the female cavity 14; the shutoff space between the walls of the female cavity 14 and the core 10.1 defines the shape of the cap 18 as described in Figure 4.

Figure 4 is the said closed moulds 10 and 12; the shaft 17 is forced towards the end 22 of the bore 21 with mechanical means forming the cap 18. Mechanical means can comprise methods such as hydraulics used on injection moulding and a rotating carousel comprising a cam system used on compression moulding.

This method of moulding mouldable material inside the mould can also produce articles such as a preform without an injection point.

The said moulds and method of moulding inside the moulds can be fitted to any known moulding machine using their operating means to produce articles.

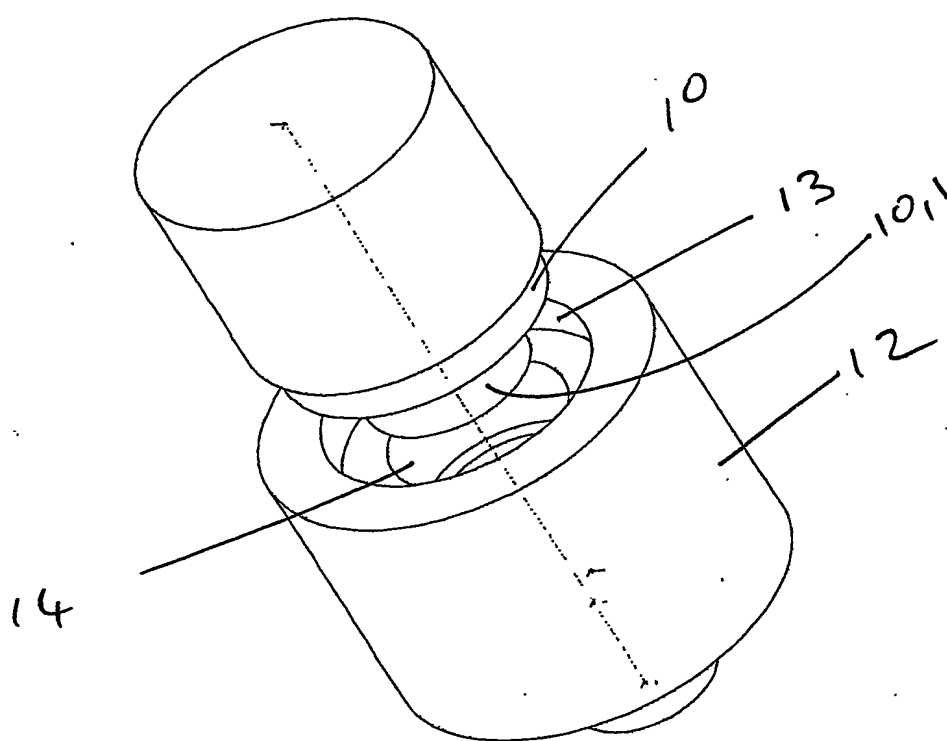


FIG. 1

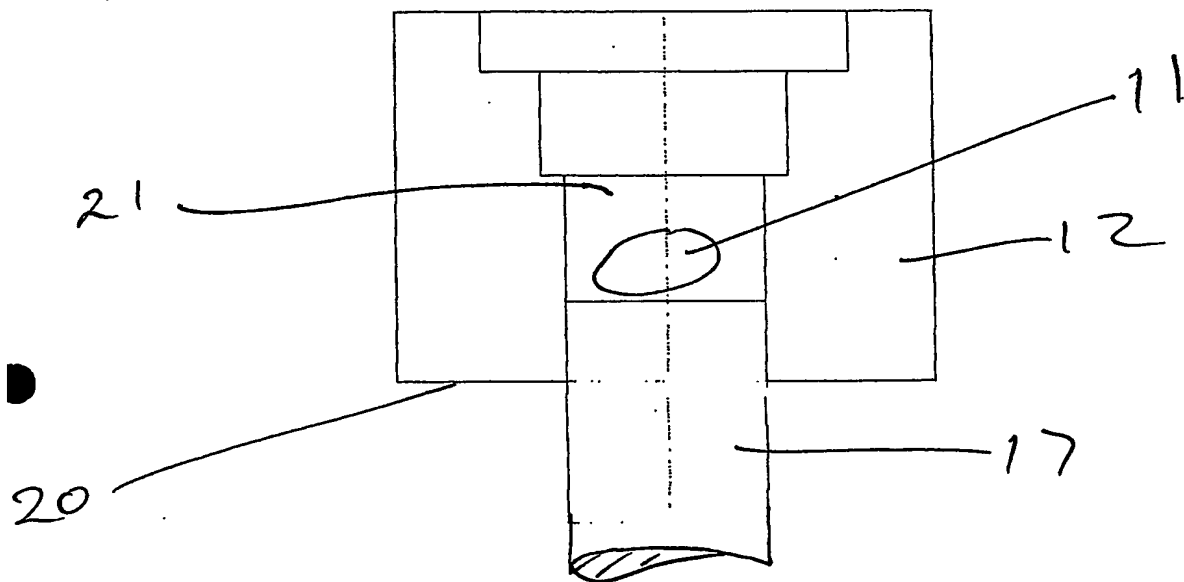
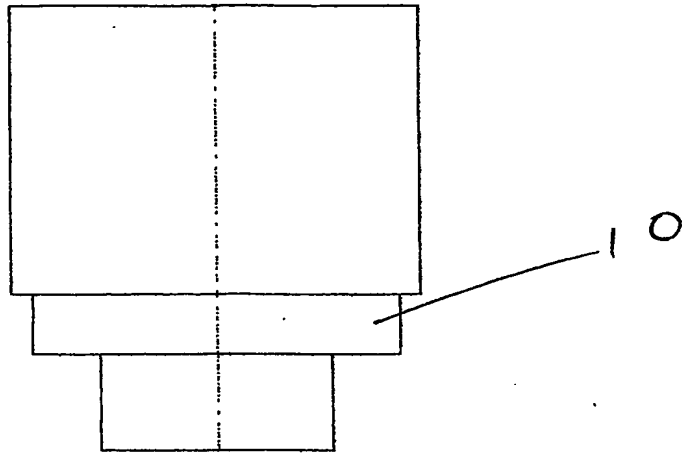


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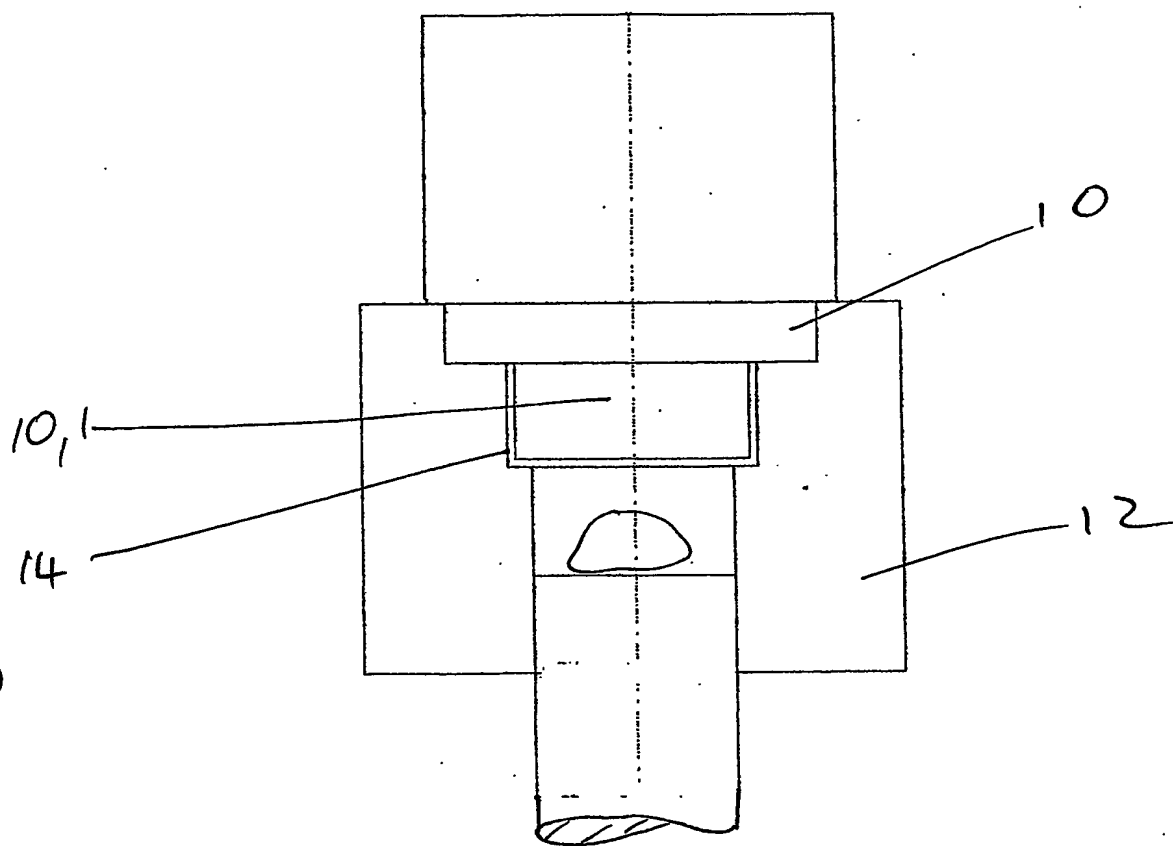


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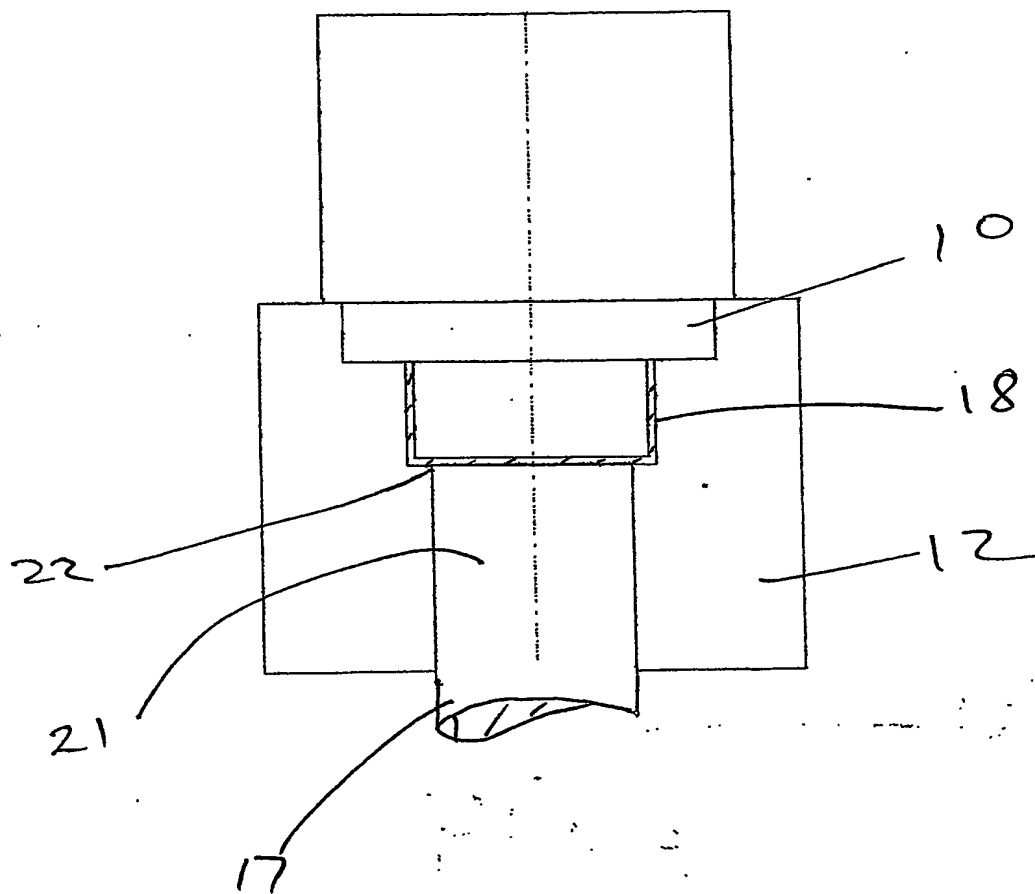


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